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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-2, 4-5, 13, and 15 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A magnetooptic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate, a data area where the data is reproduced by a magneto-optical method and a sector address area where the data is optically reproduced are included, and the data in said data area is reproduced by a reproducing laser power higher than that in said sector address area upon reproduction, wherein

magnetizing directions of a buffer area, the sector address area, and a gap area which are sandwiched between successive said data areas are in a recording direction for said reproducing layer and said recording layer, which initializes said buffer, sector address, and gap areas.

2. (Currently amended) A medium according to claim 1, wherein a mark in said recording layer is reflected from an aperture sandwiched between a front mask formed ahead of a reproducing beam in said reproducing layer and a rear mask formed behind the reproducing beam, and the data is reproduced by an MSR (Magnetically Induced Super Resolution) process.

3. (Original) A medium according to claim 1, wherein a signal is recorded and reproduced onto/from one or both of lands and grooves formed alternately on the medium.

4. (Currently amended) A magneto optic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate and the recorded data is reproduced by setting a proper reproducing laser power upon reproduction, wherein

a front portion of a data area for said reproducing layer and said recording layer in which the data is recorded is uniformly magnetized in a recording direction.

5. (Currently amended) A medium according to claim 4, wherein a mark in said recording layer is reflected from an aperture sandwiched between a front mask formed ahead of a reproducing beam in said reproducing layer and a rear mask formed behind the reproducing beam, and the data is reproduced by an MSR (Magnetically Induced Super Resolution) process.

6. (Original) A medium according to claim 4, wherein a signal is recorded and reproduced onto/from one or both of lands and grooves formed alternately on the medium.

7-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A magneto-optic recording medium, wherein a portion of an emboss area or a space area of a reproducing layer for reproducing data and a recording layer for recording the data are before or after a data area in which data is magneto-optically recorded is uniformly magnetized in a recording direction.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A magneto-optic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate, a data area where the data is reproduced by a magneto-optical method and a sector address area where the data is optically reproduced are included, and the data in said data area is reproduced by a reproducing laser power higher than that in said sector address area upon reproduction, wherein

magnetizing directions of areas including an emboss area before said data area are uniform in a recording direction for said reproducing layer and said recording layer, which initializes said areas.